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BCMENL 153

**Credit Based II Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, April/May 2015
(2014-15 Batch Onwards) (Semester Scheme)**

ENGLISH

General Proficiency and Communicative English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

**SECTION – A
(Prose and Poetry)**

- I. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) What are Lynd's views about the various forms of forgetfulness ?
 - 2) What are the factors that produce good manners, and why are good manners important ?
 - 3) How does Maugham's fairy tale reflect many instances of realism ?
- II. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than **a page each** : **(2×5=10)**
- 1) What are the benefits of ordering one's speech systematically ?
 - 2) How does the story of the selfish giant become more than a legendary tale ?
 - 3) Write a note on the experiences that Hill describes that arouse our sensitivity on the issue of good manners.
 - 4) What did the king name his daughters after ? What gift did he give each of them ? What happened to September's gift ?
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) How does Davies bring out the pathetic condition of the 'blind child' ?
 - 2) Write a note on the treatment of nature in Keats 'Ode to Autumn'.
 - 3) Discuss the poem 'The Chimney Sweeper' as a record of the injustice and exploitation of children in Blake's time.

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IV. Select **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions set on them in **one or two** sentences **each** :

- 1) She felt my cloth – for worldly place ;
 She felt my face – if I was good ;
 My face lost more than half its blood,
 For fear her hand would wrongly trace.
 - a) Who is the 'she' referred to in the passage ? 1
 - b) Why did she feel the narrator's cloth and face ? 2
 - c) Why did the narrator's face lose more than half its blood ? 2

- 2) Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness
 Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
 Conspiring with him how to load and bless
 With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
 - a) What is the season referred to in the first line of the passage ? 1
 - b) Explain the phrase 'close bosom-friend'. 2
 - c) What is the 'conspiracy' with the sun referred to ? 2

- 3) They took their time to die, this dynasty
 Falling in slow motion from Aurangazeb's time :
 Some of bone TB,
 - a) Who are referred to as 'they' in the first line of the passage ? 1
 - b) Explain the phrase 'falling in slow motion'. 2
 - c) What does 'bone TB' suggest ? 2

- 4) If I'm not so large as you,
 You are not so small as I,
 And not half so spry.
 - a) Who is speaking these words ? 1
 - b) What is the contrast made by the speaker ? 2
 - c) Explain the phrase 'not half so spry'. 2

V. Answer **any two** of the following in **not more than a page each** : (2×5=10)

- 1) Write a note on Ramanujan's ironic description of the pathetic condition of the Mughal dynasty.
- 2) How does 'The Mountain and the Squirrel' bring out the fact that it is pointless to quarrel ?
- 3) How does Keats describe the autumn season in his 'Ode to Autumn' ?
- 4) Describe Tom Dacre's dream.



SECTION – B
(Grammar)

VI. Do as directed :

- 1) In each of sentences a word is **underlined**. Choose the **synonym** of the words underlined from the choices given below each sentence. (2×1=2)
- a) His intentions were quite obvious.
i) Clear ii) Doubtful iii) Good iv) Mischievous
- b) Please inform the definite date of your arrival.
i) Brief ii) Vague iii) Exact iv) Tentative
- 2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate **antonyms** of the words **underlined**. (2×1=2)
- a) With courage and will power, the _____ can be made possible.
b) Be proud of your achievements but _____ in your behaviour.
- 3) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate forms of the words given in brackets : (2×1=2)
- a) _____ calamity is sometimes unpredictable. (Nature).
b) My little brother pesters me _____. (constant).
- 4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate words given in brackets : (2×1=2)
- a) I _____ to travel by flight to Mumbai. (intend, indent) _____
b) The _____ of the cyclone was felt everywhere. (affect, effect)
- 5) Write one-word substitutes for the following : (2×1=2)
- a) A large and stately mansion.
b) Something small of its own class and kind.

VII. Do as directed :

(6×1=6)

- 1) 1) The old man sat near the fire, smoking
(Change from simple to compound)
- 2) I will finish the job by the end of this week.
(Change from active to passive voice)
- 3) He is too weak to walk.
(Change from simple to complex)
- 4) How confusing the project was !
(Change from exclamatory to assertive)
- 5) Wear this shirt.
(Change from imperative to interrogative)
- 6) "What do you want ?" she asked him.
(Change from direct to indirect/reported speech)



- 2) Complete the sentences using the correct question tags : (2×1=2)
- a) Avani played in her cradle yesterday, _____ ?
- b) The car isn't in the garage, _____ ?
- 3) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the right linkers from the options given : (2×1=2)
- a) I did not come yesterday _____ I was ill.
 i) until ii) or iii) because iv) but
- b) _____ he is thin, he is strong.
 i) But ii) As iii) Though iv) Because
- 4) Write a paragraph of about **8-10** sentences on **any one** of the following topics : 5
- a) Importance of health
- b) Childhood days
- c) Honesty is still the best policy.
- 5) Interpret the following diagram in about **8-10** sentences. The diagram shows the production of mobile phones from 2010-2014, in lakhs. 5

Sale of Mobile Phones (in Lakhs)

